

*ys* 86. The method as recited in claim 85 wherein said applying step comprises the steps of:

- a. locating an impermeable cover over the wound, said cover having a suction port;
- b. sealing the periphery of said impermeable cover to tissue surrounding the wound; and
- c. operably connecting said suction port with a vacuum system for producing said reduced pressure.

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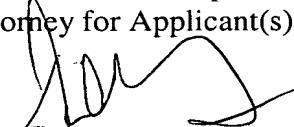
**Remarks**

Applicants have submitted additional claims 80-86 to be incorporated in the pending application. These additional claims contain subject matter of canceled claims 5-7 and 26-30, respectively, against which the Examiner has not cited any prior art. Therefore, Applicants believe these additional claims to be in form for allowance.

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